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UTILITY PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application

- Continuation  
 Divisional  
 Continuation-in-Part

of prior application No. 09/314,847 filed May 19, 1999

Inventors: Volker Schellenberger, Amy D. Liu; and Olga V. Selifonova

Title:

DIRECTED EVOLUTION OF MICROORGANISMS

Also enclosed are:

1.  Fee Transmittal Form submitted in duplicate
2.  Specification Total Pages: 35
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Federal Sponsored R&D
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claims
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
3.  Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets: 6
4.  Oath or Declaration Total Pages: 3
  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))

5.  Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4B, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)

- a.  Computer Readable Copy (diskette)
- b.  Paper Copy
- c.  Statement verifying identity of above copies
- d.  Request for Use of an Identical Computer Readable Form in Another Application Under 37 CFR § 1.821(e).

Accompanying Application Parts:

8.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet and documents)

9.  37 CFR 3.73( b) Statement (when there is an Assignee)

10.  English Translation Document

11.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS/PTO-1449)

12.  Preliminary Amendment.

13.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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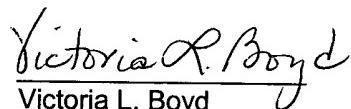
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14.  Cancel in this application original claims 1-3, 11-24, and 28-48 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

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